

**NATIONAL
AGRICULTURAL
STATISTICS
SERVICE**

USDA, NASS, Utah Field Office
P.O. Box 25007
Salt Lake City, UT 84125-0007
Phone: 801-524-5003
WEB Page: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ut/>

U.S. Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



Issue No. 01-06

Monthly Report

Released: January 5, 2006

NASS UTAH FIELD OFFICE LAUNCHES REDESIGNED AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS WEB SITE

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Field Office of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) launched its newly redesigned web site on December 6, 2005, at www.nass.usda.gov/ut/. With a click of the mouse, there is now more agricultural data available at your fingertips. The entire NASS web site, including pages for its 46 field offices, has been completely revamped to better serve the needs of NASS customers, whether farmers, researchers, government officials, journalists, teachers or others. “NASS continues to strive to meet the needs of all of our data users. The new site will further our mission by providing a user-friendly and abundant resource of statistics in service to Utah agriculture,” said Rick Kestle, director of the NASS Utah Field Office. “Anyone interested in Utah or U.S. agriculture will find that the new www.nass.usda.gov/ut/ site is not only informative and easy to use, but that it makes the most of the latest technology,” added Kestle. “The NASS web development team incorporated a variety of web based tools to enhance the site’s usability and enrich its content.” Technological enhancements include a new Google-powered search engine, an SVG interactive mapping application, an RSS news feed and XML technology. To complete the redesign effort, the site also received a new look and feel to mirror the official USDA web site.

At the same time, the site continues to provide comprehensive statistical data on Utah agriculture. Features such as the Quick Stats Agricultural Statistics Database provide the most up-to-date state and county agricultural statistics. Data users can search for state and county level data by commodity and easily download information for use in a database or spreadsheet.

Data users of Utah agricultural statistics are encouraged to bookmark the site and visit it often, as it will be frequently updated with new information. USDA reports, such as the monthly *Crop Production* publication, will continue to be available online just minutes after release. Additionally, up-to-date information on surveys currently being conducted in Utah, as well as upcoming initiatives such as the 2007 Census of Agriculture, is just a click away.

Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) in October 2005 at 5.9 million pounds, 12.3 percent above October 2004, and 1.5 percent above September 2005. **Hard ice cream** production at 1.9 million gallons, was up 10.5 percent from October 2004 but down 15.7 percent from September 2005.

UNITED STATES: **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 755 million pounds, 0.9 percent above October 2004 and 1.7 percent above September 2005. **American type cheese** production totaled 310 million pounds, 0.3 percent above October 2004 and 2.8 percent above September 2005. **Butter** production was 108 million pounds, 3.0 percent above October 2004 and 7.4 percent above September 2005. **Regular hard ice cream** production totaled 69.1 million gallons, up 1.3 percent from October 2004, but down 4.8 percent from September 2005.

Manufactured Dairy Production - October 2004-2005 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	Oct 2004	Sep ¹ 2005	Oct 2005	Oct 2004	Sep ¹ 2005	Oct 2005
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese	5,226	5,784	5,871	748,044	741,911	754,734
1,000 Gallons						
Hard Ice Cream	1,730	2,268	1,912	68,134	72,571	69,053

¹ Revised

Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 45 million pounds in November 2005, 39 percent above November of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for November 2005 totaled 55,800 head, 33 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,253 pounds, up 40 pounds from November 2004. **Hog slaughter** totaled 3,800 head, 73 percent above November 2004. The average live weight was 231 pounds, down 1 pound from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during November 2005 totaled 2,800 head, up 200 head from the previous year. Average live weight, at 139 pounds, was up 9 pounds from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in November 2004. **Beef production**, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, up 5 percent from November 2004. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,284 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 12.4 million pounds, 10 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,300 head, down 17 percent from November 2004. The average live weight was 29 pounds above last year, at 365 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.13 million head, 2 percent above November 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 15.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from November 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 224,500 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter,

November 2004-2005 ¹

Item	Utah		United States	
	November		November	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Production (Million Pounds)				
Red Meat	32.0	44.5	3,770.1	3,942.3
Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)				
Cattle	41.8	55.8	2,542.3	2,667.5
Calves	1	1	67.9	56.3
Hogs	2.2	3.8	8,972.8	9,132.3
Sheep & Lamb	2.6	2.8	242.0	224.5
Average Live Weight (Pounds)				
Cattle	1,213	1,253	1,268	1,284
Calves	1	1	336	365
Hogs	232	231	270	272
Sheep & Lamb	130	139	136	141

¹ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Hog Inventory

UTAH: Utah inventory of all hogs and pigs was estimated at 690,000 head as of December 1, 2005. The inventory was the same as December 1, 2004. The December 1, 2005 **breeding inventory** of 92,000 head was the same as the previous year. The **market inventory**, at 598,000 head, was also the same as December 1, 2004. The 2005 **pig crop** totaled 1,325,000 head, 5,000 head above 2004. The number of sows farrowed during the December 1, 2004 - November 30, 2005 period was 139,000 head, 3,000 head less than the previous year. The average litter size of 9.53 pigs was up from last year's average of 9.30.

UNITED STATES: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter. **The September-November 2005 U.S. pig crop**, at 26.1 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004 and up 2 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the September-November 2005 period, compared to 8.96 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs. **U.S. hog producers** intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the December 2005-February 2006 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for March-May 2006, at 2.89 million sows, are up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 38 percent from last year.

Dry Edible Beans

UTAH: Production of dry beans in Utah during 2005 was 23,000 hundredweight (cwt), up 9,000 cwt from last year. Utah dry bean growers harvested 4,500 acres in 2005, down 300 acres from 2004. Average yield of 500 pounds per acre is up 200 pounds per acre from last year.

UNITED STATES: Dry Beans: U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 27.2 million cwt for 2005, up 4 percent from the October forecast and 53 percent above last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.57 million acres, 3 percent above the last forecast and up 29 percent from 2004. The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,731 pounds per acre, an increase of 16 pounds from the October forecast and 272 pounds above a year ago. Production is above a year ago in 16 of the 17 producing States. Most notable production increases from last year are Minnesota up 111 percent, Colorado 91 percent higher, and North Dakota increasing 82 percent. Production is up from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, navy, great northern, pinto, light red kidney, dark red kidney, pink, small red, blackeye, and small and large chickpeas. Production decreased from last year for small white, cranberry, and black. Production in North Dakota is forecast at 8.66 million cwt, 82 percent above 2004. Harvested acres increased 6 percent, while the average yield, at 1,520 pounds per acre, is up 520 pounds from last year.

Harvest was essentially complete by mid-October, slightly ahead of average and over two weeks ahead of last year. In Michigan, production is forecast at 3.91 million cwt, 24 percent above last year. Harvested area, at 230,000 acres, is 24 percent above 2004, while yield of 1,700 pounds per acre is unchanged from last season. The Thumb area of Michigan received near normal rainfall for the growing season and harvest was mostly completed by mid-October. Nebraska growers produced 3.81 million cwt of dry beans, 60 percent more than last year. The average yield, at 2,240 pounds per acre, is up 80 pounds from the previous year. If realized this will be a record high yield. Production in Minnesota increased 111 percent due to a 35 percent increase in harvested acres and better growing conditions than last year. Higher yields in western and central Minnesota more than offset lower yields in the northwest caused by wet conditions during the summer. Production in Colorado is up 91 percent from last year, South Dakota is up 79 percent, Kansas 72 percent, Texas 66 percent, and Utah 64 percent. Wyoming is 40 percent above last year, Oregon is 34 percent higher, and Washington increased 30 percent. New York and Idaho are both 14 percent above last year, California is up 11 percent, and Montana increased 8 percent from a year ago.

Dry Edible Beans: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by State and United States, 2004-2005¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre ³		Production ³	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt
CA	57.0	64.0	2,020	2,000	1,152	1,281
CO	67.0	120.0	1,550	1,650	1,039	1,980
ID	78.0	98.0	2,100	1,900	1,638	1,862
KS	8.5	12.5	1,800	2,100	153	263
MI	185.0	230.0	1,700	1,700	3,145	3,910
MN	100.0	135.0	1,150	1,800	1,150	2,430
MT	12.7	15.9	2,240	1,940	285	309
NE	110.0	170.0	2,160	2,240	2,376	3,808
NM	6.0	6.3	2,600	2,200	156	139
NY	23.5	23.0	1,050	1,230	247	282
ND	475.0	570.0	1,000	1,520	4,750	8,664
OR	7.5	7.8	1,550	2,000	116	156
SD	8.9	17.4	1,840	1,680	164	293
TX	17.5	15.3	800	1,520	140	233
UT	4.8	4.5	300	500	14	23
WA	29.0	48.0	2,100	1,650	609	792
WI ²	4.9		2,310		113	
WY	24.0	33.0	2,250	2,300	541	759
US	1,219.3	1,570.7	1,459	1,731	17,788	27,184

¹ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. ² Estimates discontinued in 2005. ³ Clean Basis.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Penalty For Private Use \$300

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Agricultural Prices

UTAH: Mid-December 2005 prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers for alfalfa hay were up from last month lower for barley and other hay was the same as last month. Barley, at \$2.04 per bushel, was down 5 cents from November but up 13 cents from December 2004. Baled alfalfa hay was \$104.00 per ton, \$4.00 above last month and \$17.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$82.00 per ton, was the same as November 2005 and \$1.00 below December 2004.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 4 points (3.8 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 2 points

(1.7 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, corn, strawberries, and lettuce. Lower prices were received for oranges, broilers, dairy, and grapes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of dairy, wheat, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, soybeans, grapes, and corn. Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 3 points (2.7 percent) from December 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 120, was unchanged from last month but increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from December 2004.

Average Prices Received by Farmers ¹

Commodity	Utah						United States					
	Barley		Alfalfa Hay, Baled		Other Hay, Baled		Barley		Alfalfa Hay, Baled		Other Hay, Baled	
Month	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
January	2.39	2.11	84.00	85.00	71.00	75.00	2.69	2.41	84.80	94.50	70.20	73.30
February	2.74	1.96	78.00	91.00	66.00	80.00	2.73	2.31	85.10	94.00	72.10	74.20
March	2.59	1.89	75.00	99.00	62.00	80.00	2.77	2.49	86.20	98.60	72.00	77.80
April	2.72	2.04	81.00	92.00	70.00	80.00	2.78	2.26	93.00	105.00	76.20	81.60
May	2.71	(2)	90.00	90.00	75.00	80.00	2.78	2.46	109.00	116.00	78.70	75.40
June	2.51	2.10	88.00	95.00	80.00	85.00	2.63	2.57	102.00	112.00	75.90	73.60
July	2.42	2.03	90.00	95.00	80.00	85.00	2.54	2.38	98.70	109.00	74.80	75.90
August	2.30	2.17	87.00	90.00	80.00	85.00	2.77	2.52	99.30	109.00	71.90	74.80
September	2.05	1.97	85.00	95.00	78.00	80.00	2.43	2.36	97.50	107.00	74.30	74.60
October	1.96	(2)	86.00	97.00	80.00	82.00	2.29	2.49	100.00	106.00	73.80	76.50
November	2.39	2.09	92.00	100.00	88.00	82.00	2.45	2.64	95.20	97.50	73.50	76.30
December	1.91	2.04	87.00	104.00	83.00	82.00	2.49	2.54	92.10	97.70	72.40	78.00

¹ December 2005 is mid-month price. ² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.